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Council Meeting

September 24 - City Council Meeting Agendas

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 17: **Economic Development** Authority, Planning Commission meetings

Thursday, September 19: Tourism Board, Board of Architectural Review meetings

Monday, September 23: Parks & Recreation Board meeting

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- LISTEN! Rouss Review podcast - Emergency Management (9/12)











Winchester honored our First Responders and remembered those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 with a ceremony at Jim Barnett Park.

City Manager's Takeaways

Said farewell to Zoning and Inspections Director Aaron Grisdale who will soon begin as Woodstock's new Deputy Town Manager.

Met with leadership of Rouss Fire Company to discuss ongoing partnerships and ways to enhance.

Participated in tour of Amazon Fulfillment Center in Frederick County.



Public Safety

Winchester Police

- Conducted Street Cop training, Sniper training, and Virginia Criminal Information Network training; Driver Training school and Patrol Rifle school.
- Attended Common Sense for Public Safety Professionals training.
- Attended Valor Awards, Youth Development Center, and Temporary Detention Order meetings; MADD Awards, Community Safety Fair, Shenandoah University security meeting.
- Participated in the Park's 9/11 Memorial.
- Attended Gang Busters conference.
- Made final preparations for the WOW! Event.
- Finalized Patrol Shift Study report.
- Crime stats:
 - Crimes against persons (felony) 5
 - Crimes against persons (misdemeanor) 9
 - Burglaries (residential) 0
 - Burglaries (commercial) 1
 - Property crimes: 22

Winchester Fire and Rescue

- Attended an overview/training for the City's UAV (drone) program.
- Attended the Frederick County Board of Supervisors meeting received unanimous approval for the funding request for their contribution to the burn building project. Planning ground breaking ceremony in the coming weeks.
- Held monthly meeting with the volunteer presidents and chiefs.
- Hosted Meet the Chief event.
- Prepared for community meeting with Councilor Kim Herbstritt.
 Topic: Fire and rescue services in the city.
- Attended and presented at the 9/11 memorial ceremony.
- Received 84 applications for the Firefighter Trainee and Firefighter/ EMT job openings.
- Initiated contract procedures with Emergency Services Consulting International for a study of the Winchester's fire and EMS system.
- Met with Lord-Fairfax EMS Council to address vacant Board position. City is accepting applications from interested candidates.
- Participated in planning meeting for upcoming Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Grant application.
- Began annual fire inspections for Shenandoah University.
- Prepared for Triad fire safety presentation.
- Continued to work on WOW! planning and live burn cell exhibits.

Police Activity	#
Calls for Service	813
Crash Reports	10
DUI/DWI	1
Alarms/False Alarms	26/26
Directed Patrols	40
Directed Patrols (OTW)	5
Extra Patrols	116
Extra Patrols (OTW)	0
Traffic Citations	58
Traffic Warnings	55
BWC requests	13
Special Events Permits Received/ Approved	1/3 65 rec'd YTD

Fire Activity	Fire Activity
Fire	7
Overpressure	0
EMS/Rescue	86
Hazardous Cond.	1
Service Call	7
Mutual Aid Given	5
Good Intent	4
False Alarms	11
Special Incident	1
Plan Review	1
Inspections	15
Reinspections	12
Consultations	3

- Attended and observed a fire drill at Winchester City Schools.
- Attended Volunteer Leadership meeting with Fire and Rescue senior staff.
- Attended meeting for the redevelopment of the 333 West Cork Street property.

Emergency Management

- Conducted new Battalion 6 technology overview for Fire Officers for all three shifts.
- Conducted Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) capabilities and limitations training for Fire Department operations.
- Reviewed Command Bus technology with I&IS personnel.
- Tested Emergency Operations Center Polycom video resource.
- Worked on radio subscriber's firmware upgrades with Public Works and and Utilities Department.
- Prepared mobile radios for installs into new police cars.
- Oversaw and scheduled installation of transit mobile radios into new buses.
- Prepared portable radios for the new Police recruits.
- Attended the Safety Fair in Jim Barnett Park with the mobile command bus.
- Met with the American Red Cross and Department of Social Services regarding mass sheltering.

Development Services

Economic and Workforce Development

- Worked with regional partners on the community immersion process of the regional talent attraction/ retention study with DCI Consulting.
- Held mid-month update meeting with EDA leadership.
- Met with representatives from Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to discuss the Main Street program and the Industrial Revitalization program.
- Met with developers and prospective businesses interested in Winchester.
- Attended the Shenandoah University E-Sports Summit.
- Conducted three business retention/expansion meetings with Winchester businesses.

Arts and Vitality & Old Town

- Began process of outreach and scheduling for the 2020 Old Town Farmers Market.
- Reviewed event applications for events proposed in Old Town.
- Met with Museum of the Shenandoah Valley to discuss partnership for development of public visual art projects.
- Held Promotions Committee of Old Town Advancement Commission (OTAC) meeting to discuss a city-wide shop local campaign.
- Held preparation meeting for the upcoming Holly Jolly event.
- Held meeting with OTAC chair to review Stakeholder Meeting feedback results.
- Assisted 15 tourists and 12 locals at the Welcome Center.

Planning

• Staffed the September 12 City Council meeting where two rezonings and three conditional permits were approved by Council along with a driveway easement for a Habitat house.

- Planning Director gave a Winchester History presentation to a local 55+ community organization and then guest lectured at Shenandoah University President Fitzsimmons' freshman onboarding class regarding the Green Circle Trail and how it fulfills City goals.
- Prepared and electronically distributed the agenda packet for the September 19 Board of Architectural Review (BAR) meeting.
- Met with VDOT representative and transportation planning consultants regarding scope of work for the proposed Mall Blvd and Millwood Avenue project.
- Met extensively with outgoing Director of Zoning and Inspections Aaron Grisdale to become familiarized with multitude of development review/permit processing and reporting responsibilities of Zoning Administrator in advance of appointment as Interim Zoning Administrator beginning Monday, Sept 16.
- Hosted farewell luncheon for Aaron Grisdale who leaves the City after 13 years to become Deputy Town Manager in Woodstock, VA.
- Met with engineers and surveyors working for private property owners and developers regarding private development projects.

Winchester/Frederick County Tourism

- Met with Shenandoah University Facilities Director to discuss the following items: repainting the fire lane curb in front of the Visitor Center per the recent fire inspection (repainting was completed on Tuesday), installing seasonal photography panels outside the building, addressing the overgrowth of invasive vegetation outside of the Visitor Center, and possibly UV coating some windows so we can use more of the Visitor Center for displays and products.
- Attended the Virginia Association of Destination Marketing Organizations Summer Meeting in Culpeper. The professional development topic was grants and featured several guest speakers from VDACS, DHCD, DCR and others.
- Began the grant application process for the fall Virginia Tourism Marketing Leverage Program grant.
- Continued planning and marketing for the upcoming Newcomer's Welcome Event on Thursday, October 3 from 5:00-7:30 pm at the Visitor Center.
- Began planning for the tourism Worlds of Work display, which will feature several tourism industry partners at the same table.
- Continued work on several blog posts, including Fall Festivals and Fall Farm Markets blogs. These should be ready by next week.

Zoning and Inspections

- Completed:
 - 138 building permit inspections and issued 52 building/trades permits (\$1,730,225 valuation)
 - Notable permits:
 - 116 W Leicester St new townhouse \$400,000 valuation
 - 118 W Leicester St new townhouse \$400,000 valuation
 - 195 code enforcement inspections and initiated 71 new cases
 - 3 new business reviews (1 Certificate of Business, 2 Certificates of Home Business)
- Cancelled September Board of Zoning Appeals meeting as no applications were received.

Permit #	Туре	Address	Description	Value
19 00003257	AMUS	1001 E CORK ST	2 BOUNCE HOUSES FOR 9/7/19	\$551
18 00000095	MECH	221 W BOSCAWEN ST	ADD HEAT PUMP	\$2,300
19 00002734	DECK	107 E CECIL ST	REPLACING DECK	\$500
19 00003204	PLBG	1401 RAMSEUR LN	NEW FIXTURES	\$8,500
19 00002954	NGAS	447 AMHERST ST	REPLACING ROOFTOP A/C	\$11,000
19 00003201	RREM	14 S BRADDOCK ST APT 2	RENOVATING APT. 203	\$50,000
19 00002954	MECH	447 AMHERST ST	REPLACING ROOFTOP A/C	\$10,500
19 00002331	RREM	12 16 S BRADDOCK ST	INTERIOR RENOVATION	\$35,000
19 00003250	NRRM	228 S PLEASANT VALLEY RD	REPAIR FAILING ROOF TRUSSES	\$60,000
19 00003242	RREM	349 NATIONAL AVE	1ST FLOOR INTERIOR REMODEL	\$15,000
19 00003265	PLBG	216 W CLIFFORD ST	REPLACE WATER SERVICE	\$8,000
19 00003262	NGAS	2716 LOYALTY CT	NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME	\$5,000
19 00000736	MECH	2948 SECOND ST	EXTEND EXISTING SUPPLY LINES	\$1,200
19 00003242	PLBG	349 NATIONAL AVE	NEW BATHROOMS	\$1,000
18 00000873	RIFI	116 W LEICESTER ST	NEW TOWNHOUSE	\$400,000
19 00003273	SIGN	131 N KENT ST	1 BLDG. MOUNTED SIGN	\$500
19 00003213	DECK	705 TREYS DR	REPAIRING EXISTING DECK	\$2,000
19 00003200	RIFI	425 STONEWALL AVE	NEW ADDITION	\$125,000
18 00000874	RIFI	118 W LEICESTER ST	NEW TOWNHOUSE	\$400,000
19 00003247	ELEC	450 452 N LOUDOUN ST	REMODEL 19-1668 450/APT B	\$3,000

Permit #	Туре	Address	Description	Value
19 00003044	NR	1818 AMHERST ST UNIT 1	REROOF	\$65,850
19 00003259	BLDG	260 SHAWNEE AVE	INSTALL NEW WOOD RAILINGS	\$2,500
19 00003254	RREM	733 TREYS DR	TURN SCREENED ROOM INTO SUNROO	\$80,000
19 00003275	NGAS	810 CHELSEA DR	REPLACEMENT FURNACE	\$13,900
19 00000666	PLBG	5 WEEMS LN	REPLACE FIXTURES	\$29,600
19 00002965	ELEC	620 MILLWOOD AVE	SOLAR ARRAY	\$42,000
19 00003254	MECH	733 TREYS DR	NEW MINI-SPLIT	\$8,000
19 00003272	NGAS	1850 APPLE BLOSSOM DR	NEW PIPING/ROOF TOP UNIT	\$2,485
19 00003280	MECH	328 W PICCADILLY ST	NEW HEAT PUMPS	\$14,500
19 00003249	ELEC	450 452 N LOUDOUN ST	REMODEL 19-1668 452/APT A	\$3,000
18 00001668	ELEC	450 452 N LOUDOUN ST	REMODEL	\$3,000
19 00003248	ELEC	450 452 N LOUDOUN ST	REMODEL 19-1668 452/APT B	\$3,000
19 00003219	MECH	126 W LEICESTER ST	NEW APPLIANCE/FURNACE	\$10,000
19 00001213	ELEC	5 WEEMS LN	SIGN	\$500
19 00003261	ELEC	128 N LOUDOUN ST	RE-WIRE	\$5,000
19 00003272	PLBG	1850 APPLE BLOSSOM DR	NEW FIXTURES	\$24,600
19 00003277	MECH	220 SHENANDOAH AVE	NEW HEAT PUMP	\$7,700
19 00002964	ELEC	718 WADE MILLER DR	SOLAR ARRAY	\$23,000
19 00003260	ELEC	638 TREYS DR	COVERED PORCH	\$600
19 00002337	NRRM	1850 APPLE BLOSSOM DR F-121	TENANT FITOUT	\$85,000
19 00003238	MECH	212 BAKER ST	NEW AIR CONDS/HEAT PUMPS	\$4,000
19 00003269	POOL	1021 ALLEN DR	SWIMMING POOL	\$3,000
19 00003220	DECK	515 BELLVIEW AVE	COVERED DECK	\$15,000
19 00003238	PLBG	212 BAKER ST	NEW FIXTURES	\$4,000
19 00002993	DECK	221 E BOSCAWEN ST	NEW DECK	\$5,000
19 00003270	LGAS	373 FOX DR	INSTALL 120 GAL PROPANE TANK	\$0
19 00002399	PLBG	186 N LOUDOUN ST	APARTMENT STUBS	\$3,000
19 00003238	RIFI	212 BAKER ST	NEW SFD	\$80,000

Permit #	Туре	Address	Description	Value
19 00003284	PLBG	220 SHAWNEE AVE	EXPANSION TANK	\$200
19 00003271	NR	608 MILLWOOD AVE	RE-ROOF	\$44,959
19 00003270	RIFI	373 FOX DR	INSTALL 120 GAL PROPANE TANK	\$350
19 00003276	MECH	2039 S PLEASANT VALLEY RD	REPLACEMENT HEAT PUMP	\$7,500
Total: 52				\$1,730,295

Public Services

- Started the FY20 street repaving program, beginning with Shenandoah Avenue, Shenandoah Place, Shawnee Avenue, E. Boscawen Street, and Sharp Street. (all completed).
- Washington Gas is finishing with their gas main replacement on N. Cameron between Piccadilly and Clark. The City's contractor will begin with the water, sewer, and storm drain replacement next week.
- As a part of the water meter/sidewalk replacement project, sidewalk replacements are nearing completion on Richards Avenue.
- As a part of the northeast sidewalk replacement project, the contractor is making excellent progress on Battle Avenue.
- Completed the site work and the contractor will begin erecting the new concrete water storage tank next week at the end of Strothers Lane.
- Met with the consultant and VDOT to discuss beginning the preliminary design of the proposed improvements on Millwood Avenue between Mall Boulevard and Apple Blossom Drive.
- Met with the City Manager and Finance to discuss the project at Handley Library to replace the HVAC system.

Utility Capital Improvement Projects (7/1/18-present)

Measure	Past Week	Project Totals
Water mains replaced (linear feet)	0	5,548
Water service lines replaced (number)	0	364
Water meters replaced (number)	36	1,653
Sanitary sewer mains replaced/lined (linear feet)	0	4,791
Sanitary sewer laterals replaced (number)	0	96
Sanitary manholes replaced (number)	0	35
Sidewalks replaced (linear feet)	456	24,191
Sidewalks repaired (linear feet)	4,760	95,593

Division	Activity	Past Week	2019 Year- to-Date Totals	Measurement
Streets	Streets repaved Potholes repaired Mowing Miles of streets swept Tons of leaves hauled	0 0 12.54 73.00 0	3.91 188 349.44 1,941.60 32.80	Lane miles # Acres Miles Tons
Trees	Dead/diseased trees removed Trees trimmed Stumps removed	8 31 0	130 429 172	#
Traffic	Street signs Installed/replaced Pavement markings repainted (City) Pavement markings repainted (contractor)	15 0 0	,	# Linear feet Linear feet
Refuse & Recycling	Refuse collected Recycling collected Large item pickups	128.87 24.70 3	4,566.58 1,755.75 152	Tons
Transit	Total passengers Revenue miles pick up/drop off Revenue hours pick up/drop off	2,616 3,221 297.13	95,027 135,324 12,392.53	Miles
Utility billing	Payments processed New bills mailed out Water services turned off (non-payment)	1,856 0 0	50,352 49,748 370	#
Water treatment plant	Average daily water demand Peak daily water demand	6.47 6.83	6.24 7.57	Million gallons/ day
Wastewater treatment plant	Average daily flow treated Peak daily flow treated	6.29 7.07	8.66 20.04	Million gallons/ day
Water distribution and wastewater collection	Water main breaks repaired Water meters read Fire hydrants flushed Sewer mains cleaned After-hours call outs	0 3,679 43 3,248 3	11 56,036 1,212 117,023 189	Linear feet

Division	Activity	Past Week	2019 Year- to-Date Totals	Measurement
Engineering	Site plans reviewed	0	82	#
	Floodplain permits issued	3	86	#
	Utility as-builts reviewed	0	7	#
	Right-of-way permits issued	5	138	#
	Land disturbance permits issued	0	9	#
	Stormwater facility inspections	0	111	#
	Erosion and sediment control inspections	26	1,593	#
	Erosion and sediment notices to comply	0	20	#
Facilities	Work requests completed	23	731	#
Maintenance	Special events assistance	0	38	#
	Maintenance of pedestrian mall	31	1,184	Staff hours
Equipment maintenance	Total repairs completed	42	3,046	#
Winchester	Work requests completed	11	279	#
Parking Authority	Special events - assistance provided	0	14	#
	Vandalism or property damage issues	1	21	#
	New monthly rentals	8	212	#
	Monthly rental cancellations	22	114	#
	Total monthly leases in all autoparks	-14	1,144	#
	Available monthly spaces in all autoparks	+14	268	#
	Hourly parkers (all four garages)	2,524	104,163	#
	Park-Mobile transactions	710	25,257	#
	Meter violations	213	7,390	#

Parks & Recreation

- Attended bi-weekly progress meeting at the maintenance facility.
- Hosted 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony with the City's leaders and first responders.
- Attended Safety Committee meeting and held Projects and Programs Committee meeting.
- Hosted All Paws on Deck Canine Swim.
- Participated in Extracurricular Activities Program at Handley Library.
- Continued work on Maintenance facility.
- Continued distribution of fall Activities Guide.
- Continued follow-up with Winchester Public Schools regarding playground equipment.

Social Services

 Received 67 Benefit Program applications: 23 SNAP, 41 Medicaid, 0 TANF, 0 VIEW, 3 Child Care, 0 Auxiliary Grant, 0 General Relief-Burial, 0 Home Energy Assistance Program

- Provided case management to:
 - 3,662 Medicaid cases
 - 1,555 SNAP cases
 - 63 TANF cases
 - 21 Auxiliary Grant cases
 - 51 individuals receive VIEW services
 - 58 families/126 children receive Child Care Subsidy Assistance (3 families/3 children are currently on the waiting list for child care assistance).
- Provided case management to 1 Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) case.

Weekly Activity	#
Clients walk-ins/drop-offs	143/128
Child Protective Service referrals	7
Placed "on notice" for foster care entry by JDRC	3
Children in foster care	54
Entered/exited foster care	0/0
Adoption subsidy cases/adoptions finalized	56/0
Child Protective Service (CPS) case management load	51
Benefit program fraud & overpayment referrals/investigations/recoupment claims	0/1/29
CPS family assessments & investigations of alleged maltreatment	88
Family Service intakes	9
Adult Protective Service referrals	3
Adult services case management load	8
Adult guardianships/cases	2/73
Adult Protective Service investigations/intakes	15/7
Family Services Prevention case management load	7
Uniform Assessment Instrument screenings	0

Communications

- Distributed the September 11 CitE-News issue. Read
- Handled 2 media requests for City information and staff interviews; 1 interview and 4 inquiries for WPD.
- Made various 9/11 and other social media posts.
- Attended and photographed/videoed the Park's 9/11 ceremony.
 Watch Recap Video
- Made Coffee with a Cop posters and TV slide. Date: October 2.
- Began editing the Winchester Ciderworks video for the region's Manufacturing Week.
- Filmed and edited a special edition of publiCITY that demonstrates what can and can not be recycled. Watch
- Wrote, recorded and edited the latest Rouss Review podcast that features Emergency Management Director Scott Kensinger. Listen
- Met with Public Services and Old Town staff to begin planning public outreach activities for the Boscawen Street Improvement Project.
 Designed a postcard and promotional materials for the public input meetings and online survey (coming soon on the City's <u>Open Town</u> <u>Hall site</u>, deadline 10/18). The public input meetings will be held:
 - October 2, 4-6 pm, Rouss City Hall 4th floor
 - October 3, 11 am-2 pm, Loudoun Street Mall
 - October 4, 11 am-2 pm, Loudoun Street Mall
- Promoted upcoming 275th anniversary and park events.
- Promoted several open jobs on social media.
- Met with Economic Development and GIS to discuss additions to the new Workforce Initiative ArcGIS Hub site.
- Edited surveillance clips together for a social media post requesting tips for the WPD.
- Designed an instruction sheet for the Make Your Own Rain Barrel session with Engineering Division.
- Continued editing the Welcome to Winchester video for the City's online job portal.
- Met with Shenandoah University student who will star in a crosswalk safety video. Began planning for filming.
- Began developing a web page and online nomination form for the Mayor's new Excellence Award.
- Participated in a demo with a potential intranet and online form vendor.
- Attended the Meet the Chief event for Fire and Rescue Chief William Garrett.
- Recorded the September publiCITY episode featuring the Handley Library (release date: September 25).
- Met with Citibot representatives to brainstorm official launch activities. Soft launch completed.
- Photographed three Social Services Family Services Specialists and posted their stories on social media and the website for Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Week. <u>View</u>
- Added several weekly and monthly reports to the <u>Police Department website</u> and added BWC policy.

Date	City Press Releases
9/10	FY20 street repaving program has begun - <u>read</u>
9/13	Local tourism revenue reached \$273.6 million in 2018 - <u>read</u>

311 Requests Received	#
FOIA	2
New Recycling Bin	2
Missed Trash/Recycling Collection	1
Trash on Property	0
City Tree Issue	1
Traffic Signal Issue	0
Dead Animal in Road	0
Ask a Question	1
Stormwater Drainage Issue	0
Pothole	0
Street Light Out	0
Tall Grass	0
Water/Sewer Service	1
Citibot	0
Total/YTD	8/378

Date	Articles in The Winchester Star
9/7	Downtown's Dollar General slated to close
9/9	Community Safety Fair fun and educational
	State data shows that water discharge is a problem locally
9/10	Our Views: Trash and gateways
	New fire chief meets residents, plans for future
	ACLU sends 2nd letter protesting roadside panhandling ban
9/11	Sarah Zane: The name is well known; the woman is not
9/12	VDOT will do safety study on S. Pleasant Valley
	A call for unity: Community marks 18th anniversary of 9/11 attacks
	Council unsure about seeking funds for project
9/13	Lecture on Washington won't be typical history lesson
Date	Segments on WDVM
9/6	Winchester seeks names for new pocket park - <u>watch</u>
9/7	Winchester holds 14th annual Community Safety Fair - watch

Support Services

Innovation & Information Services

- Continued hardware refresh and Windows 7 to Windows 10 transitions.
- Assisted new City Attorney with getting tech set up.
- Held department leadership meeting discussing the formulation of the I&IS strategic plan.
- Resolved personal property exoneration issue.
- Changed personal property tax book for semi-annual billing.
- Held payment processing improvement meetings with departments.
- Completed second phishing exercise for the Cyber Security Awareness program.
- Worked on PD reporting for OpenGov.
- Finalized rollout of ADSelfService.

Help Desk Requests	Count	Closed
Account Management	24	16
Applications	12	14
GIS	5	3
Hardware	6	12
Information Only	4	5
Infrastructure	9	8
No Action Required	1	0
Not Assigned	17	0
Procurement/Disposal	0	0
Reporting	0	1
Research	0	-
Total	78	59

- Resolved wide area network outage due to contractor cutting fiber cabling.
- Coordinated December timeframe for Council Chamber A/V upgrades.
- Ordered/coordinated replacement of Council Chambers projector which has been malfunctioning.
- Worked with Treasurer to complete second half personal property bills processed and to outsource printing vendor.
- Began work on personal property year-end reconciliation to G/L to assist Finance.